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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Cover Officer

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director
Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Suggested Action in Response to Soviet Protest
of 16 September Mission

REFERENCE : SAPC-19532, dated 19 September 1957

I read the paper referenced above with interest when I received it and felt that your suggested responses were most helpful. In the press of events we did not follow up on your suggestion that we carry through all indicated preparatory action, if only as a dry run. I am inclined to think this should have been done. Happily, with the passage of time the danger of a protest appears to be subsiding so I doubt if there is anything more to be done about this particular incident. Another time, however, I believe we should proceed as you suggest, prepare a draft reply or several alternative draft replies, and coordinate these with the Air Force and Mr. Cummings of the State Department. The drafts would not need to be brought to the attention of senior officials in Defense and State until a protest actually materialized but they would be ready if and when needed.

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